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TO AMEMBASSY SUVA

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MILL, NH
SUBJECT- PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

REF: A. SUVA 967
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1. DEPARTMENT NOW HOLDS BLUEPRINTS TO PRESIDENT COOLIDGE
AND WILL POUCH TO EMBASSY UPON RECONFIRMATION THAT PRIVATE
COMPANY STILL INTERESTED IN THEIR ACQUISITION.

2. DELAY IN FULFILLING EMBASSY REQUEST RESULTED FROM NEC-
CESSITY FOR DOD AND MARAD EXAMINATION INTO CURRENT STATUS
OWNERSHIP OF VESSEL. RESULTS OF THAT EXAMINATION SHOW
THAT SHIP WAS UNDER CONTROL OF ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE AS
A TROOP CARRIER AT TIME OF ITS SINKING IN OCT. 1942. US
MARITIME COMMISSION AND ITS SUCCESSOR, THE MARITIME AD-
MINISTRATION, ACQUIRED AND HELD TITLE TO PRESIDENT COOLIDGE
FROM NOVEMBER 13, 1942 UNTIL MAY 21, 1953. CONTRACT WAS
AWARDED FOR SCRAPPING AND TITLE TRANSFERRED TO PRIVATE
CITIZEN WHO SUBSEQUENTLY ABANDONED VESSEL IN 1961 WITH
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APPROVAL OF MARAD AND GONH. MARAD NOW ADVISES IT DOES NOT

HOLD TITLE TO VESSEL NOR DOES IT HAVE ANY CLAIM, INTEREST
OR RESPONSIBILITY CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT COOLIDGE AND ITS
CARGO, EXCEPT TITLE TO THE METALLIC BALLAST WHICH WAS NEVER
RELINQUISHED AND STILL REMAINS WITH THAT AGENCY. RUSH

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